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Answer telegram
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Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 24th, 1885.

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Horatio C. Burdick
Director

A. Loudon Snowden, Esq.,
Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia.

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